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C O N F I D E N T I A L KINSHASA 9995

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SUBJECT: PROSPECT DIMS FOR MOBUTU VISIT TO SEOUL

REF: KINSHASA 9645

1. ROK EMBASSY COUNSELOR HUH TOLD EMBOFF NOV 26 THAT INSTEAD OF PRESENTING MOBUTU WITH FORMAL INVITATION TO VISIT SEOUL (REFTEL), ROK EMBASSY HAS SIMPLY ASKED GOZ IN WRITING TO PROPOSE DATES FOR SUCH VISIT. HUH HAS HEARD THAT BOBUTU'S VISIT TO PYONGYANG CONFIRMED BY ZAIRE RADIO NOVEMBER 27 MAY TAKE PLACE AS EARLY AS DECEMBER 9 (WITH POSSIBLE STOP IN PEKING AFTERWARD). THIS IS MUCH TOO EARLY FOR ROK TO PLAN SEOUL RECEIPTON FOR MOBUTU. HUH ADDED AMBIGUOUSLY THAT IN ANY CASE THIS IS DIFFICULT PERIOD FOR RECEIVING CHIEFS OF STATE IN SEOUL. HE ALSO COMMENTED GLOOMILY ON EXCELLENT IMPRESSION PYONGYANG LIKELY TO MAKE ON MOBUTU WITH ITS SMOOTHLY ORCHESTRATED RECEPTION CEREMONIES.

2. COMMENT: EMBOFF GAINED IMPRESSION FORM HUH THAT SEOULAUTHORITIES A RE NOW RESIGNED TO MOBUTU VISITING PYONGYANG AND SKIPPING SEOUL. LOOKED AT FROM HERE, WE BELIEVE THIS
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IS A MISTAKE. IN OUR JUDGMENT, IT WOULD BE VERY BAD

FOR ROK'S POSITON IN ZAIRE SHOULD MOBUTU
RECEIVE RED CARPET TREATMENT IN PYONGYANG AND NOT
EVEN HAVE OPPORTUNITY TO FORM AN IMPRESSION OF ROK
"BECAUSE TIME IS TOO SHORT TO ARRANGE A VISIT."
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